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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST

REF: NEW DELHI 6415; STATE 110708

1. IF ASKED FOR COMMENT BY PRESS OR GOI OFFICIALS, YOU SHOULD STATE THAT SECRETARY'S REMARKS REITERATE U.S. CONCERN OVER PROBLEM OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, RESTATING POINT PREVIOUSLY MADE IN OFFICIAL USG REACTION TO INDIAN TEST AND EXPRESSED ON OTHER OCCASIONS, SUCH AS LAST SEPTEMBER'S UNGA SPEECH AND SECRETARY'S PUBLIC ADDRESS DURING HIS VISIT TO NEW DELHI. PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER MAY 18, 1974 TEST AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. THE U.S. HAS ALWAYS BEEN AGAINST NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION FOR THE ADVERSE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON WORLD STABILITY. THAT
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REMAINS OUR POSITION. UNQUOTE.

2. FYI: REITERATION OF NUCLEAR POLICY STANCE IS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME BOTH IN TERMS OF ONGOING NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE AND CONCERN THAT OTHER NATIONS, IN LIGHT OF VIETNAM EXPERIENCE, MAY BE MORE PRONE TO QUESTION U.S. SECURITY GUARANTEES AND SEEK PROTECTION THROUGH NATIONAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAMS. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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